

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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## BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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**RE:** MUR 5446

Welch for Wisconsin, et al.

Dear Mr. Crooks:

I am receipt of your October 20, 2004 letter responding to this Office's October 13, 2004 letter seeking substantiation or verification of a statement contained in your clients' response to the reason to believe findings in the above referenced matter. I understand that your clients wish to provide additional information, and request until November 1, 2004 to do so.

As I told your colleague, Ms. Baumgartner, during our phone conversation this afternoon, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to withhold making any recommendations in this matter until November 1, 2004, in order to provide your clients with additional time to provide us with further information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1361.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Guith

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Cc: Ms. Barb Baumgartner, Esq.